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Re: Filing of Amendment  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,368  
Our Ref: NGB.312

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment which should place this Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Akio Nishiyama

Serial No.: 10/698,368

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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND IMAGE COMPRESSION  
APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: